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> In response to a massage broadcast request originating at any processor S, a message M is formatted and is assigned a network unique identifier and a timestamp. The message is added to the processor's log. The message, including the assigned values, is signed to form a message X which is then broadcast to network adjacent processors P. In response to the receipt of a signal message X by each processor P from a network adjacent processor S, its authenticity is verified and from it is derived the original message M and a sequence of signatures of all previous processors that have signed X.

- At each processor Q within the set of processors network adjacent to processor S which funds the message M valid, message M is appended to its log, the message X is signed. The signed message is broadcast to all its network adjacent neighbours except the processor from which the message was received, and, after a given amount of time from the time of message origination, the message M is accepted if it is determined to be valid. (24pp Dwg.No.0/17)

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